

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the above-mentioned report, to consult and co-operate with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people;

4. *Urges* all States to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report.

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34/114. Global report on human settlements and periodic reports on international co-operation and assistance on human settlements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2598 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, in which it directed the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive housing survey every five years,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 976 G (XXXVI) of 1 August 1963, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare, with the co-operation of the specialized agencies, regional commissions, international financial institutions and governmental agencies, a biennial report on the level and kind of official assistance and international aid given to developing countries in the field of housing, building and planning,

1. *Decides* that the quinquennial housing survey called for by the General Assembly in its resolution 2598 (XXIV) should become the "Global report on human settlements" and should be issued every five years, according to the objectives, format and contents set out in paragraphs 10 to 20 of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);⁶⁵

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements to undertake the preparation of a biennial report in 1982, beginning with an interim report in 1981, on the following subjects:

(a) Financial and other assistance provided to and among developing countries for human settlements, and the human settlements activities of the United Nations system, according to the objectives, format and contents set out in sections II and III of the report of the Executive Director,⁶⁶ as modified by the Commission on Human Settlements;⁶⁶

(b) Activities and collaboration between the Centre and non-governmental organizations;

(c) Human settlements activities of intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and co-operation between them and the Centre;

3. *Urges* all Member States to provide the necessary information for the preparation of the above-mentioned reports;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretariat, particularly the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and all other relevant bodies of the United Nations system to provide the necessary information for the preparation of the above-mentioned reports and to collaborate with the Centre in their preparation;

5. *Invites* organizations working in the field of human settlements, including intergovernmental organi-

zations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, to collaborate with the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements in the preparation of those reports;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, in consultation with the relevant bodies of the United Nations system, to explore the establishment of efficient mechanisms for regular and systematic reporting and consultations for the above-mentioned reports.

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34/115. United Nations Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements (Vision Habitat)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/115 of 16 December 1976, by which it established the United Nations Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements,

Recalling further its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977, by which it established the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), entrusted it with responsibility for promoting the further and continued use of audio-visual material relating to human settlements and decided that the Director of the United Nations Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements (Vision Habitat) should report to the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements,

Recognizing that the effective dissemination of information, including the use of audio-visual techniques and materials, will help accelerate the process of development through the effective and rapid dissemination among policy-makers, experts and the public in all countries of information on the need for new awareness and on new approaches, methods and techniques for improving human settlements, especially their social, economic and environmental aspects, as well as through their increasing use for project-monitoring, education, training and public information,

Noting that the agreement between the Government of Canada and the United Nations on the operations of the United Nations Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements expires on 31 March 1980,

Convinced that the programme developed by the United Nations Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements should be continued,

Noting that the audio-visual activities have been fully integrated into the work programme of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements,

1. *Recommends* that the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) should take the necessary steps to establish a unified information service within the Centre to comprise a suitable range of information and communications skills and capabilities, including an audio-visual component at an appropriate level;

2. *Decides* that, upon the termination or expiration of the agreement referred to above, the functions and transferable assets of the United Nations Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements (Vision Habitat) should be transferred to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the Government of Canada on the appropriate formal

⁶⁵ HS/C/2/8.

⁶⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/34/8)*, paras. 89-95.